

I am an airline employee that travels a great deal for my job. I am not a flight attendant but am in the air every week. Though there may be no technical reason for banning cell phone use in the air, there may be an overriding human factor for not allowing their use while in flight. That factor is the comfort and irritation level of those on the aircraft. People tend to be on edge in general when they fly these days. Many factors contribute to this condition such as the additional airport security and thoughts of possible terrorism due to 9/11. Delays due to the over tasked Air Traffic Control system and mother nature. Crowded flights and also the general fear of flying. People do not talk quietly on cell phones. In a closed tube if even a small amount of people who are talking on their phones will cause the noise level and also the irritation level to become dangerously high. Disputes between passengers will become a distinct reality. I feel that cell phone usage on a commercial aircraft while in flight like smoking is unnecessary and can wait until you get on the ground.

Thank you for your time,

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